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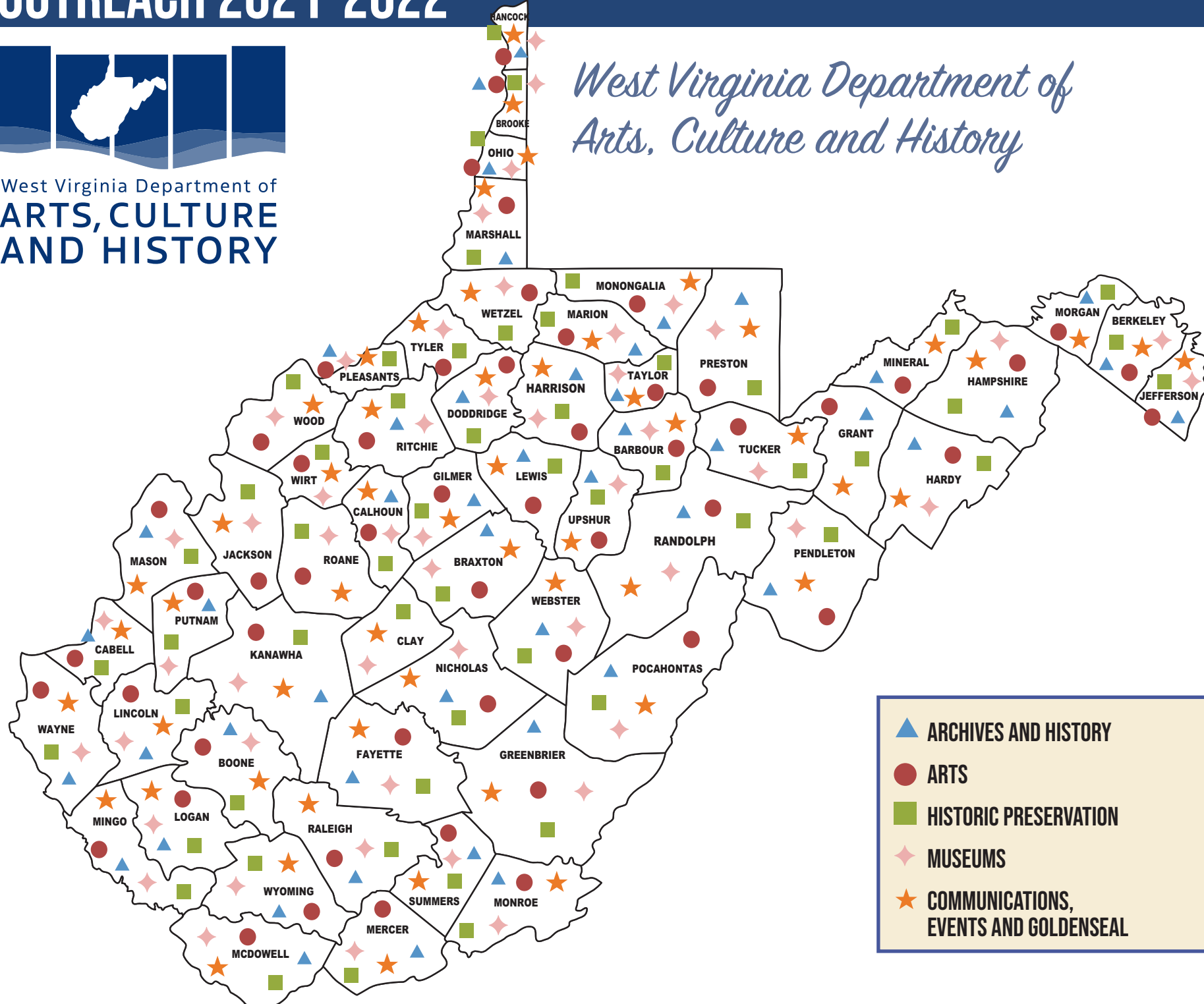
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In FY2022, the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History found our way through the other side of the COVID-19 pandemic, which impacted so many. All our events and programs went back to being held in person. While most things went back to normal, we also implemented the many ideas, new information, and strategies we gathered during the pandemic, such as new ways to provide more easily accessible educational programming, new ways to make constituents aware of grant programming, staff increased face to face visits with organizations and individuals across the state interested in our available grant programming, and more. We also continued to uphold our mission to identify, preserve, protect, promote, and present the ideas, arts, and artifacts of West Virginia's heritage. One of the biggest things we did in this fiscal year to improve our interactions with the people of West Virginia was to invest in a new website. The site is much more user friendly and has the capability to adjust to a mobile device whereas the old site did not. The new site gives those who visit information about each of our five sections – Archives, Arts, Museums, State Historic Preservation and Communications. We can more easily share our events and the latest news going on within our agency.

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History continues to be reliant on our ability to network and develop relationships with people from around the state. Our ability to provide services, programs, and opportunities for our fellow West Virginians, in conjunction with amazing partnerships, allows us to make our mission a reality. Our purpose is to promote ways to connect our past with the present and future in ways that will help West Virginians proudly continue our state's story. The unrelenting effort to leave a

legacy and to provide an irrefutable, positive impact on West Virginians inspires us to tirelessly facilitate an understanding of our heritage, while instilling a fundamental sense of pride about our history and a respect for those who laid the foundation.

By diversifying our efforts, we can maximize our impact throughout the state. We provide educational programming to students as well as lifelong learners, which offers an insight into the past and present. Through our grants program, we support arts in our communities and the artists who live here. We also encourage counties throughout the state to contemporize data and records, and we encourage preservationists to protect our historical structures that showcase our past.

The culmination of our unrelenting commitment to our state is a sense of pride in being a West Virginian and an improved attention to our historic properties and their value in communities. The unyielding, year-round effort of our staff and partners leads to generous donations of artifacts, historical documents, and other items to our state archives and museum collections as well as an increase in communities that are embracing arts programs and projects to enhance their neighborhoods. The department continues to stay connected with the community while navigating our way out of a pandemic and are better for it, and we remain committed to finding new and exciting ways to reach and interact with the people of the Mountain State. The pandemic has shown us that we can continue to grow and will always find innovative ways to continue our mission throughout any challenges that may develop.

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Preserving West Virginia's Primary Source Documents

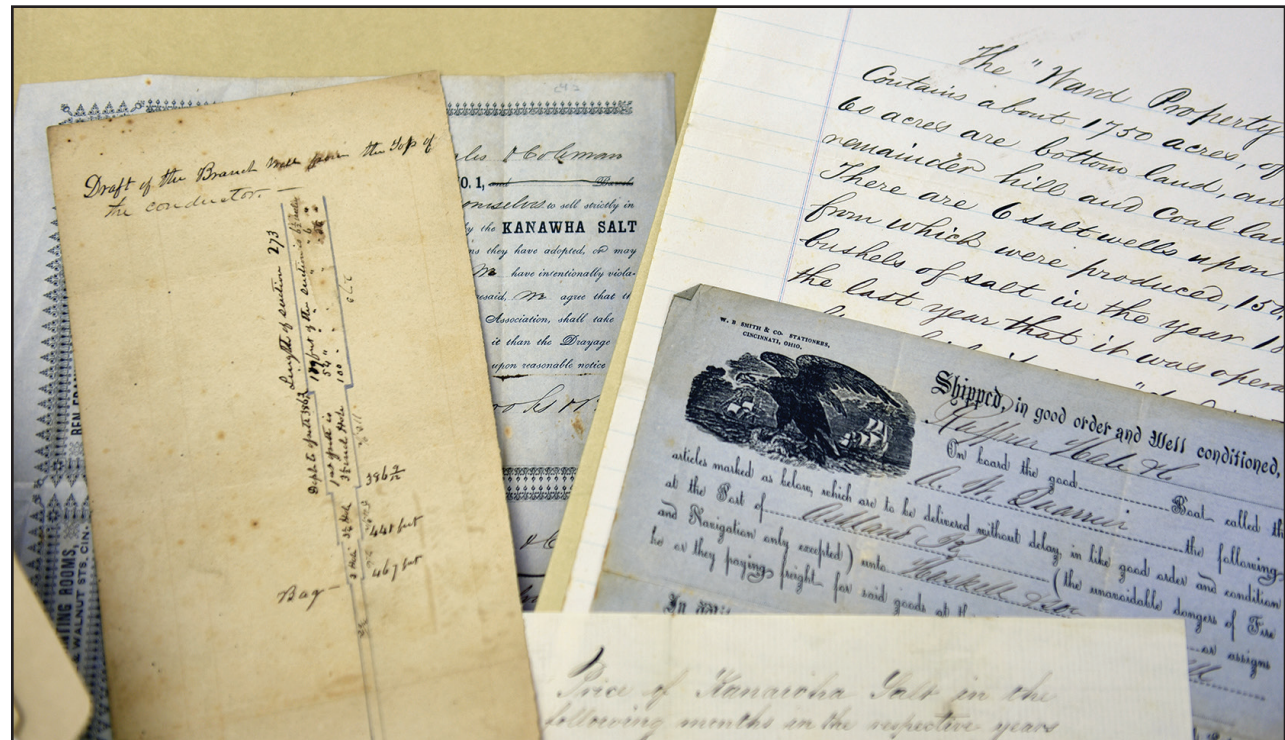
Archives and History maintains the Archives and History Library and the West Virginia State Archives; administers the highway marker program to designate historical sites; and provides support services and technical assistance to state, county, and historical organizations and institutions. Under the Code, the director of Archives and History serves as secretary to the citizen advisory Archives and History Commission and as staff to the Records Management and Preservation Board.

Archives And History Library

With the West Virginia Library Commission (WVLC) Library's new Sierra cataloging platform in place by the end of June 2021, much book cataloging was accomplished between July 2021 and June 2022. More than 3,900 titles were catalogued during the year, many of them books that were not in the previous system, Voyager, either because they had been dropped during the migration from VTLS more than a decade ago or because they had not been entered in the system when the library transitioned from a physical card catalog to an electronic one in the 1990s. Retrospective cataloging will be an ongoing project.

MISSION

The mission of Archives and History is to collect and preserve West Virginia's public records and historical materials, to make these records available to the public and private sectors, and to disseminate historical information through publications and programs, so as to enrich the lives of past and present residents and future generations.



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Social Media

Thirteen videos were added to YouTube, two to the Archives and History Music Channel, and the remainder to Archives and History's main channel. Three of the latter were educational videos for school-age students. Archives and History put more focus on its TikTok channel in 2021-2022, uploading just over 400 short videos during the year. Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram are other social media platforms used for outreach to the public.

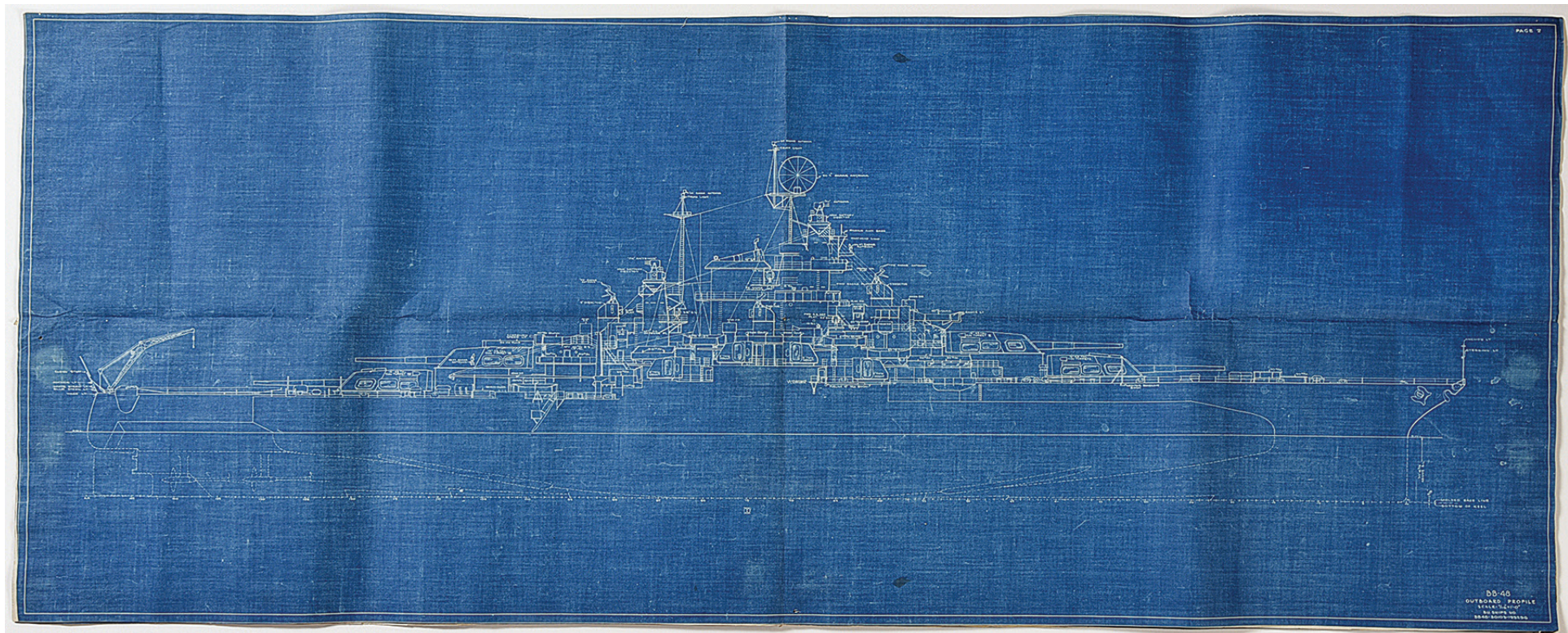
Collections

While not as active as the previous year, a number of new collections were accessioned during the 2021- 2022 year. Included in the 11

new government records collections accessioned and processed were 46 boxes of Mineral County Circuit chancery files and 278 boxes of Mingo County Circuit chancery, criminal, law, and school land cases. Work continued on records from Ohio and Fayette counties. Also added were 60 new manuscript, 88 new photos, and 162 new special collections accessions. Among the notable additions to special collections were three boxes of FOOTMAD materials and a scrapbook on the Charleston Charlies.

In addition, 600 yearbooks were added, the vast majority of them courtesy of Clay Hamilton, whose large yearbook donation started the collection in 2005 and who has regularly

contributed to it in the years since then. Additions to the manuscript collections include 12 boxes of materials concerning the Wallace and Mathews families of Charleston, plus more than 800 photographs. The Eugene Hezekiah Washington Collection contains five boxes of manuscript materials from African American schools, including Garnet High and Aracoma, and an additional four boxes of photographic materials about the Washington family and his career at Garnet, Aracoma, and Logan Junior High. The single largest manuscript collection accessioned during the year was the Doc and Chickie Williams Collection with 24 boxes of material related to the lives and careers of the Williamses, the



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WWVA Jamboree, and other performers. Smaller collections about several families, the Golden Delicious Apple, the League of Women Voters of Wood County, and a proposed documentary on the strike at Kaiser Aluminum in 1990-1991 were also received.

In addition to photographs in the Wallace Mathews and Eugene Hezekiah Washington collections, noteworthy photographic additions include the Beyond the Serpents, Associated Press photographer Bob Bird, Spencer Black Walnut Festival, and the WPBY collections. Altogether, the State Archives accessioned more

than 85,000 prints, slides, postcards, and negatives during the year.

Audiovisual Archives

During the fiscal year, newspapers covering the period from 1981 to 2022, primarily between 2012 and 2022, were filmed for a total of 137 rolls of microfilm. In 2022, Archives and History staff travelled to Williamstown and received books, video, still photos, and glassware that had been gathered by Howard Seufer, who worked in public relations with Fenton Art Glass.

Records Management

In the nineteenth round of Records Management and Preservation Board (RMPB)

grants, 34 counties were awarded grants totaling \$501,027 for projects scheduled to begin on July 1, 2022. Kanawha County received the largest award, \$40,000, to purchase roller shelving for land books in the assessor's office; to scan and index domestic order books and implement the records retention schedule in the circuit clerk's office; and to scan and index voters registration cards and recover deed and cemetery books in the county clerk's office.

The smallest award, \$4,527, went to Jackson County to recover the earliest chancery index books in the circuit clerk's office. Grants underway during the 2021-2022 year averaged just over \$8,773. Seven grants exceeded \$14,000 (Barbour, Berkeley, Jefferson, Lewis, Lincoln, Mingo, and Wirt). These counties had projects that included the purchase of shelving or a scanner, encapsulation of land books, digitization of microfilm and record books, scanning of books and documents, and/or indexing records. Two grants were for less than \$5,000 - McDowell County was awarded \$4,909 to encapsulate and digitize map books in the county clerk's office, while Jackson County was awarded \$3,124 to recover the earliest chancery index books in the circuit clerk's office.

The statewide county records preservation project staff continued to collect and digitize deed books. Staff scanned the remaining 17 record books for Preston County and 101 for Cabell, edited the digitized images, and converted them to smaller black and white files.

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One of the most noteworthy events of the 2021-2022 year was the retirement in January 2022 of Joe Geiger Jr., who had been director of Archives and History for nearly 15 years. In mid-February, Aaron Parsons became the 16th individual to lead Archives and History since its creation in 1905.



2022 HISTORY ADVOCATE LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP AWARD

President Craig P. Blair
Senator Jack David Woodrum
Delegate Doug Skaff
Delegate Brandon Steele
Delegate Todd Longanacre



2022 HISTORY HEROES

Deborah Barto
Peter Chacalos
Robert Conte
Steven Davis
Linda Flemmer
Savannah Schroll Guz
James Hale
Sidney Lemoyne Hendricks
Amanda Huff
Barry Ambus Huffstutler
Kelli Johnson
Fred Lewis
Ron K. Lilly
Jeff and Christy Little
Paula Lowther McGrew
Kip Price
Thomas Edward "Tom" Pyles
Wendy M. Scatterday
John H. Sellards
Lisa Singer
David Sponaugle
Donna Gale Stephens
Phil Wotring

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FY2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- Records Management and Preservation Board awarded grants totalling \$501,027 to support projects in 34 counties
- 404 educational videos added to Archives and History's TikTok channel
- 1,506 students served in person
- 2,513 state documents and 36,331 pages printed from documents in electronic form, and 3,940 books and pamphlets added to collections
- more than 430 linear feet of manuscripts and state government records, and more than 85,000 photographs and negatives added to collections
- statewide county records preservation project digitized 118 record books
- 137 rolls of film shot in preservation microfilming of daily and weekly newspapers
- 272 research letters, 178 photo research requests, 1,102 reference calls, and 11,254 e-mails handled



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RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND PRESERVATION GRANTS 2021-2022

County	Granted
Barbour	\$14,364.00
Berkeley	\$14,038.00
Boone	\$6,390.00
Cabell	\$7,047.00
Fayette	\$13,500.00
Grant	\$9,086.00
Harrison	\$10,000.00
Jackson	\$3,124.00
Jefferson	\$14,545.00
Kanawha	\$9,545.00
Lewis	\$14,052.00
Lincoln	\$14,318.00
Logan	\$10,000.00
Mason	\$11,818.00
McDowell	\$4,909.00
Mercer	\$10,000.00
Mineral	\$6,169.00
Mingo	\$17,000.00
Monongalia	\$10,000.00
Monroe	\$10,000.00
Morgan	\$13,000.00
Ohio	\$10,000.00
Pendleton	\$9,091.00
Pocahontas	\$10,000.00
Preston	\$10,000.00
Putnam	\$12,037.00
Ritchie	\$8,442.00
Roane	\$9,585.00
Summers	\$6,727.00
Wayne	\$10,000.00
Wirt	\$15,836.00
Wood	\$10,000.00
Total	\$324,623.00

Inter-Agency Support

Staff provided assistance to several state agencies regarding their records and retention schedules and also responded to requests for information on various topics. Staff continued to assist the Department of Education with preparation of the Golden Horseshoe test. Archives and History continued to play a substantial role in the West Virginia History Bowl. Regional tournaments were held in February and March, with a play-in competition in March.

There were 84 teams representing 52 schools in 24 counties. The double elimination state championship was held at the Culture Center on April 26. The Archives and History Library served as one of the competition venues for both the local regional competition and the statewide tournament.

On West Virginia Day, the agency held a History Bowl Legends tournament, and the library again served as one of the competition venues. Archives and History staff continued to provide support to other sections within the Department of Arts, Culture and History. Library staff assisted employees in other sections with various research topics.

The photo archivist provided 118 digital images for *Goldenseal* magazine, published through the Communications unit, 31 images for the museum, and 3 for the the Historic Preservation Office.

Archives and History also provided 324 gratis images for individuals in state offices or elsewhere. The photo gallery exhibit that was installed in June 2021, "Our Home Among the Hills," remained on display until December. It was replaced by an exhibit on "Wild and Wonderful . . . Animals!," which stayed up until just after the end of June 2022.

HIGHWAY MARKERS



REPLACEMENT/ REFURBISHED MARKERS

Barbour County
First Land Battle

Berkeley County
Gen. Adam Stephen
Morgan Cabin

Brooke County
Patrick Gass

Cabell County
Carter Godwin Woodson

Fayette County
Townsend's Ferry

Greenbrier County
Rupert

Hampshire County
Blue's Gap Battle

Harrison County
Simpson Creek Covered Bridge

Jackson County
Battle of Buffington
Ripley

Marshall County
Harriet Jones

Mason County
Early Graves

Mercer County
Concord University

Ohio County
Elm Grove Stone Bridge
Forks of Wheeling Creek
Fort Henry/Fort Henry

Pendleton County
Birthplace of Rivers

Taylor County
Anna Jarvis Birthplace

Tyler County
Daniel D. Johnson

NEW MARKERS

Berkeley County
Lynching of Joe Burns

Fayette County
James Monroe Ellis

Mineral County
Wiley Ford Racing

Ohio County
Eleanor Steber
First Commercial Coal Mine

Raleigh County
James Cecil "Little Jimmy" Dickens

Tucker County
The Davis Sawmill

Outreach

Archives and History staff continued to focus on educational outreach to students during the 2021-2022 year. With the relaxation of COVID restrictions, groups of young people once again toured the Archives; not including participants in History Bowl matches, more than 1,200 students were served through programming in the library. Staff provided multiple stations in the library that briefly presented students with examples of various types of collection materials: photographs, videos, documents (maps, yearbooks, or manuscripts), and microfilm.

In addition, work on educational videos continued, especially those provided via TikTok. History Day fully resumed in 2022. Work on the capitol dome was completed in 2021, and the rotunda was opened. Although numbers were lower than pre-COVID and pre-rotunda closure days, there were 30 display groups in the capitol on February 24. Twenty-five History Heroes were nominated, and 22 attended the ceremony at the Culture Center in person.

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Promoting West Virginia's Arts

The State Arts Office, in conjunction with the West Virginia Commission on the Arts, provides grants to artists, arts organizations, communities, and schools across the state. Funding for these programs is provided by the National Endowment for the Arts and matched by the West Virginia State Legislature. The mission of the State Arts Office is to support and grow West Virginia's creative economy through grant awards and services while creating future audiences in the state's youth.

In FY2022 the State Arts Office received \$5,720,285.41 in grant requests. From those requests, \$2,845,588.00 in funding was awarded. These grants impacted a total of 213,142 West Virginians. In FY2022 the State Arts Office awarded:

- \$664,145 in Cultural Facilities and Capital Resources grants to 16 arts and history organizations for capital improvements to their facilities
- \$577,152 in Arts Partners grants providing support to 12 major arts organizations

- \$592,212 in American Rescue Plan funds to 43 arts organizations
- \$261,344 in Community Arts grants supporting 20 arts organizations
- \$173,188 in American Rescue Plan funds to 25 individual artists
- \$138,887 in Marketing Support grants to 22 arts organizations
- \$117,929 in Marketing Support grants to 17 individual artists
- \$63,467 in Cultural Facilities and Capital Resources Fast-Track grants to 7 organizations to make emergency repairs or ADA upgrades
- \$51,588 in Arts in Education grants to 7 schools and arts organizations
- \$47,450 in Creative Aging for Lifelong Learning grants to 11 artists and arts organizations in a brand new pilot program
- \$38,002 for Youth Engagement Through Public Art Grants to 10 youth and arts organizations
- \$38,500 in Living Traditions: Folk Art grants to 10 artists and arts organizations
- \$38,500 for folk arts programs at the WV Humanities Council

- \$35,364 in Professional Development grants to 15 individual artists and 1 arts organization
- \$5,641 in Community Arts Mini-Grants to 4 West Virginia arts organizations for community-based projects
- \$1,219 in Travel and Training grants awarded to 3 artists
- \$1,000 in Arts in Education Mini Grants to 1 organization

Coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic, the State Arts Office drastically increased in-person constituent outreach in FY2022, including:

- Governor's Arts Caravan - grant writing workshops and listening tours
- Arts in Our Communities Conference
- Site visits



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In addition to the 5 grant writing workshops/listening tour sites of the Governor's Arts Caravan, the State Arts Office staff made 34 site visits in FY2022. Of these visits, 10 were to counties designated as economically at-risk or distressed by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC).

The information provided by constituents during listening tours, site visits, in grant applications, and in final reports allow staff to measure progress against the State Arts Office's strategic plan. This plan runs from 2018 to 2023 and has 4 main goals:

- Promote arts in education
- Nurture the growth of the creative economy
- Ensure access, inclusion, diversity, and equity in the arts
- Encourage arts advocacy

Another way the State Arts Office reaches its constituents is through ArtWorks, a monthly television show highlighting artists and arts programming around the state. The show can be viewed on cable television and on YouTube. Episodes filmed in FY2022 featured events such as the West Virginia Governor's Arts Awards, the West Virginia Juried Art Exhibition, and the West Virginia Symphony's premiere of "Social Dissonance" by Charleston composer Matt Jackfert. Musician Larry Groce and filmmaker Daniel Boyd appeared on the show to discuss the Charleston Light Opera Guild's production of their musical "Paradise Park." An episode on Pocahontas County's Bicentennial featured performances by musicians Bobby Taylor, Kim Johnson, and Cody Jordan.

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History's partnership with the Save The Music Foundation is an important tool for preserving and sustaining music programs for the state's youth. By the end of FY2022, 121 middle schools in all 55 counties had benefited from this program. A total of \$4.84 million has been awarded in West Virginia. Schools received matching grants worth an average of \$40,000 in new musical instruments, ongoing program management and instructional materials. These schools received FY2022 Save The Music grants:

- Buffalo Middle School, Wayne County
- Hannan Middle School, Mason County
- Herndon Consolidated Elementary Middle School, Wyoming County
- Huntington East Middle School, Cabell County
- Kassan Elementary/Middle School, Barbour County
- Lenore K-8 School, Mingo County
- Meadow Bridge School, Fayette County
- PikeView Middle School, Mercer County
- Romney School for the Deaf and Blind, Hampshire County

Partnerships, like the one with the Save The Music program, are vital to the mission of the State Arts Office. In FY2022, the agency continued its partnership with the Rural Arts Collaborative (RAC), supporting extended arts education residencies in West Virginia schools. The Arts staff helped RAC create and support partnerships among schools, teachers, teaching artists, and arts organizations. FY2022 projects included a music education program at Monon-

gah Middle School in Marion County, a dance company residency at Capital High School in Kanawha County, and a screenwriting and video production project at Paden City High School in Wetzel County.

In August 2021, State Arts Office staff and Curator of the Department of Arts, Culture and History embarked on the inaugural Governor's Arts Caravan. This 5-day tour included 5 grant writing workshops and listening sessions, as well as 21 site visits to arts organizations. Grant coordinators were on hand to answer questions about grants and services and encourage applications from historically underserved areas and organizations.

In September 2021, the State Arts Office accepted applications for American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds. While this funding was FY21 money, the applications and grant awards were distributed in FY22. Two grant programs were created - one to pay operating expenses at arts organizations and one to fund projects by individual artists. The operating expense funding kept artists and arts administrators employed and the individual artists funding allowed creatives to carry out projects aimed at helping their communities heal from COVID-19. Forty-four arts organizations received operating support grants and 25 individual artists received project support grants through the ARP programs.

In October 2021, the State Arts Office accepted applications for one updated and two new grant programs as part of the offerings for fall. These included an updated Youth Engage-

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ment through Public Art grant program that was in its pilot year in FY2021. A new Living Traditions: Folk Art grant program for both artists and arts organizations was added to help preserve and promote the culture of the state through its creative endeavors. Finally, a Creative Aging for Lifelong Learning grant program was added to focus arts learning to the 55+ demographic. The Creative Aging grant was funded in part by a grant from the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies and Aroha Philanthropies. The proposal was accepted in February 2021 and the State Arts Office was awarded \$23,000 to regrant for FY2022 creative aging projects. The West Virginia Commission on the Arts matched the funding and \$47,450 was awarded in Creative Aging projects to artists and arts organizations. Through this funding, 38 West Virginia teaching artists were hired and 239 participants were served.

In November 2021, the State Arts Office collected ornaments for the First Lady's Artistree. Sixty-one artists submitted ornaments that were displayed on an 18-foot tree in the Culture Center's Great Hall. FY2022 saw artists from 21

counties submit ornaments. Each ornament was photographed and a catalog of all submissions was created. Each participating artist was sent a copy of the catalog to commemorate the exhibition.

The State Arts Office also collected ornaments for the First Lady's Student Ornament Competition. The theme for FY2022 was "Santa" and 99 ornaments from K-12 classrooms in 18 counties were submitted. These ornaments were also displayed on an 18-foot tree in the Great Hall. Winners were selected from four grade-level categories and winning classrooms were sent \$100 gift certificates for art supplies. The winning schools were:

- Burch Pre K-8, Mingo County
- Gilmer County High School, Gilmer County
- Martinsburg High School, Berkeley County
- Simpson Elementary, Harrison County

In March 2022, the State Arts Office connected artists and arts organizations across the state through the annual Arts in Our Communities Conference. One hundred seventeen artists and representatives from arts organizations attended the free 2-day event at the Culture Center in Charleston. The conference featured 3 distinct tracks for artists, arts organizations, and arts in education. Presenters and participants came from all parts of the state, and the majority of attendees rated the conference as a 4 or 5 (out of 5).

After programming concluded on the first day of the conference, the State Art Office hosted the Governor's Arts Awards. Curator Randall Reid-Smith emceed the event and

FY2022 LIVING TRADITIONS: FOLK ART GRANT PROGRAMS

In FY2022 the State Arts Office launched two Living Traditions: Folk Art grant programs designed to support the Folk and Traditional Arts. In the pilot program, \$38,500 was awarded to 4 arts organizations and 6 individual artists to support folk art programs. From these grant programs, artists and arts organizations learned, taught, and shared traditional arts with local West Virginians. The Mother Jones Center for Resilient Community in Ohio County hosted a free printmaking workshop taught by local artists to show folks how this discipline integrated itself with modern technology. Adam Booth, a storyteller from Jefferson County, used his grant funds to research, create, and perform a story based on the local lore of Tony Beaver. Brooke County watercolorist, Rosalie Hartzlett, traveled throughout Appalachia researching and painting native flora and fauna for her upcoming watercolor book.

awards were given to artists, arts organizations, and legislators. The event was free and open to the public and featured performances by the Mountain Stage Band, Cathey Sawyer, Bob Thompson, Caleb Hanna, Barbara Nissman, and the Cabell Midland High School Jazz Knights.

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The following awards were given:

- Governor's Lifetime Achievement - Tim James, Cabell County
- Artist of the Year - Jenn Lockwood, Hampshire County
- Arts Organization of the Year - Art26201, Upshur County
- Arts in Education, Individual - Jim Alder, Greenbrier County
- Arts in Education, Organization - Farms Work Wonders, Hardy County
- Folk Artist of the Year - Adam Booth, Jefferson County
- Folk Arts, Organization - Augusta Heritage Center, Randolph County
- Resiliency in the Arts, Individual - Key to Adam, Upshur County
- Resiliency in the Arts, Organization - Wheeling Symphony Orchestra, Ohio County
- Susan S. Landis Service to the Arts, Individual - John Elliot, Kanawha County
- Susan S. Landis Service to the Arts, Organization - Coalfield Development, Wayne County
- Cultural Facilities - Senator Mike Maroney and Delegate Amy Summers
- Community Arts - Senator Richard Lindsay and Delegate Caleb Hanna
- Arts in Education - Senator Rollan Roberts and Delegate Charles Reynolds
- Folk Arts - Senator Rupie Phillips and Delegate Jason Barrett
- Lifetime Achievement - Senator Charles S. Trump and Delegate Brent Boggs

Directly following the Arts in Our Com-

munities Conference, the State Arts Office held Arts Day at the Legislature at the State Capitol Building. Fifty artists and arts organizations set up booths outside the House and Senate chambers to showcase their work and inform their legislators of the arts offerings in their districts. Attendees were able to listen to live musical performances, see actors in costume, watch a



pottery wheel demonstration, and create their own fused glass pendant.

Poetry Out Loud programs were held at 44 schools and organizations around the state, with 3,339 students participating. The state finals were held at the Culture Center in Charleston and 39 students from 27 counties participated. Morgan Sprouse of Bridgeport High School was named the 2022 state champion and Willow Peyton of St. Marys High School was the runner-up. The event was emceed by Maggie Holley, education director at West Virginia Public Broadcasting, and storyteller Bil Lepp. Rhéa Ming, West Virginia's 2020 Poetry Out Loud state champion, and Ben Long, 2021 state champion, performed during the finals along with violinist Alasha Al-Qudwah and West

Virginia poet laureate Marc Harshman. State Champion Morgan Sprouse went on to receive an honorable mention prize at the Poetry Out Loud National Finals, winning a \$1,000 cash award and a \$500 stipend for Bridgeport High School.

In April 2022, the State Arts Office continued work on streamlining systems and the grant application process. The deadline for all spring grant applications was moved to April 1 of each year. Applications will now be due on April 1 and October 1 every year rather than various deadlines throughout the spring and fall. Additionally, a brand new online application portal was released for the April 1 deadlines. Applicants can now submit applications through an online portal and track their applications through the approval process.

The State Arts Office is committed to building future audiences in our state's youth and supporting the growth of the creative economy of West Virginia. To do this, staff will continue reviewing the office's grants, services, and processes to ensure they are the best fit for the artists and arts organizations they are designed to serve.



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ARTS GRANTS DISTRIBUTED IN FY22

Direct grants by County:

Many grants extend beyond the borders of the county in which they are awarded.

BARBOUR COUNTY

Kylie Payne - \$5,547
New Vision - \$4,296

BERKELEY COUNTY

Berkeley Arts Council - \$11,440

BROOKE COUNTY

Rosalie Haizlett - \$6,995

CABELL COUNTY

Alchemy Theatre Troupe - \$20,527
Cabell County Board of Education - \$14,916
Daniel Kaufmann - \$2,500
Erin Stephens - \$775
First Stage Theatre Company - \$16,598
Huntington Museum of Art - \$89,760
Huntington Symphony Orchestra - \$20,527
Ian Hagarty - \$2,500
Jerill Vance - \$5,850
Jeslyn Dance Gallery - \$20,527
Jessica Lynn Fox - \$2,500
Keith Albee Performing Arts Center - \$74,702
Michael Crawford - \$7,495
Sandra Reed - \$10,000
Tri-State Arts Association - \$889
Unlimited Future - \$10,728

FAYETTE COUNTY

Bernice Deakins - \$11,909
City of Smithers - \$53,500

Henry Beach Vickers - \$1,660
Historic Fayette Theater - \$1,000

GREENBRIER COUNTY

Carnegie Hall - \$182,855
Greenbrier County Board of Education - \$9,750
Greenbrier Repertory Theatre Company - \$52,538
Kelsie Ann Tyson - \$2,475
Trillium Collective - \$16,025

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

Hampshire County Arts Council - \$1,850
Hampshire County Schools - \$3,750
The River House - \$26,068

HARDY COUNTY

Farms Work Wonders - \$12,271

HARRISON COUNTY

City of Clarksburg - \$5,125
Harrison County Board of Education - \$6,500
Notre Dame High School - \$1,000

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Adam Booth - \$12,049
Appalachian Chamber Music Company - \$777
Black Box Youth Playhouse - \$14,077
Contemporary American Theater Festival - \$59,027
Friends of Music - \$28,075
Harriett Kirsten Lee - \$11,089
Old Opera House Theatre Company - \$55,527

Shepherd University - \$4,494
Washington Street Artists Cooperative - \$1,522

KANAWHA COUNTY

Appalachian Arts Academy - \$7,500
Appalachian Children's Chorus - \$20,527
Barrie Kaufman - \$4,088
Charleston Ballet - \$44,652
Charleston Light Opera Guild - \$27,838
Children's Theatre of Charleston - \$24,605
City of Nitro - \$5,000
Clay Center for the Arts & Sciences - \$62,583
David Michael Legg - \$7,335
Elizabeth Coffman - \$7,216
FestivALL Charleston - \$20,527
Friends of the Alban Arts & Conference Center - \$34,864
Fund for the Arts - \$4,743
Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation - \$20,527
Gregory Scott McGowan - \$7,276
John Inghram - \$15,000
Kanawha Valley FOOTMAD - \$8,600
Morgan Beals - \$7,361
Spencer Elliott - \$7,450
Tamarack Foundation for the Arts - \$22,888
Tijah Bumgarner - \$9,975
WV Humanities Council - \$38,500
WV Music Hall of Fame - \$20,527
WV Symphony Orchestra - \$94,803
WV Youth Symphony - \$4,170

LEWIS COUNTY

Brandi Losh - \$1,319
City of Weston - \$46,669

LOGAN COUNTY

Coal Field Jamboree at the Logan Theatre - \$10,000
Hannah Buskirk - \$7,191

MARION COUNTY

Hannah Lenhart - \$9,049
Marion County Board of Education - \$3,487

MARSHALL COUNTY

Strand Theater Preservation Society - \$23,274

MCDOWELL COUNTY

Reconnecting McDowell - \$1,000

MERCER COUNTY

Ary'an Graham - \$7,499
Billy Eugene Morgan - \$7,423
Chuck Mathena Foundation - \$52,366
City of Bluefield - \$10,000
Gary Bowling's House of Art - \$6,320
Holler Gallery - \$7,389
Lacey Vilandry - \$7,500
Lori McKinney - \$14,999
RiffRaff Arts Collective - \$68,400
Robert Blankenship - \$7,500

MINERAL COUNTY

Friends of Ashby's Fort - \$38,995
Mineral County Travel & Tourism CVB - \$375

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MONONGALIA COUNTY

Arts Monongahela - \$10,080
Brianna Taylor - \$2,500
City of Morgantown - \$15,000
Gabe DeWitt - \$7,000
Jamie Darnell Lester - \$2,500
Jennifer Wilson - \$6,400
Monongalia Arts Center - \$20,527
Mylan Park Foundation - \$5,000
Preservice Student Chapter of the National Art Education Association - \$3,125
Rebecca Durst - \$3,818
Sara Cottingham - \$1,193
Sunmi Chang - \$14,999
WV Public Theatre - \$5,150

MONROE COUNTY

Anthony Giancola - \$4,999
Jorn Lynae Mork - \$6,507

MORGAN COUNTY

Mary Hott - \$1,332
Morgan Arts Council - \$28,585
Warm Springs Intermediate School - \$2,073

OHIO COUNTY

City of Wheeling - \$1,500
HoH-Share - \$9,728
Jessica Davis - \$6,083
Oglebay Institute - \$88,029
Wheeling Symphony Society - \$69,882

PENDLETON COUNTY

Warner Drive In Cultural & Resource Center - \$34,937

POCAHONTAS COUNTY

High Rocks Educational Corporation - \$10,168
Kathryn Gillispie - \$7,500
Mary Temple Must - \$7,500
Peggy Owens - \$219
Pocahontas County Opera House Foundation - \$36,800
Pocahontas County Artisans Co-Op - \$11,367

PUTNAM COUNTY

Patricia Cross - \$7,266

RALEIGH COUNTY

Beckley Art Group - \$21,527
Doris Fields - \$7,500
Theatre West Virginia - \$8,300
WV Professional Dance Company - \$59,301
Youth Museum of Southern WV - \$10,000

RANDOLPH COUNTY

ArtsBank - \$5,000
Augusta Heritage Center at Davis & Elkins College - \$53,027
Historic Beverly Preservation - \$20,527
Nevada Tribble - \$1,670
Randolph County Community Arts Council - \$17,345
The Old Brick Playhouse Company - \$25,527

SUMMERS COUNTY

Appalachian South Folklife Center - \$8,025

TAYLOR COUNTY

Taylor County Arts Council - \$10,000

TUCKER COUNTY

Jennifer Iskow - \$7,500
Kimberly Joy Trathen - \$7,390

UPSHUR COUNTY

ART26201 - \$12,500
Christine Keller - \$7,500
City of Buckhannon - \$39,000
Heidi Lynch - \$9,013
Kiara Williams - \$7,437
Levi Bender - \$6,500
Main Street Arts Co-Op - \$4,800
Robert Howsare - \$500
Sara Golden - \$1,122
Suzan Morgan - \$3,302
Upshur County Board of Education - \$29,179
Warren Keller - \$7,353

WAYNE COUNTY

Coalfield Development Corporation - \$105,000
Heritage Farm Foundation - \$20,527
RenewAll - \$4,862

WEBSTER COUNTY

Holly River State Park Foundation - \$600

WETZEL COUNTY

ArtsLink - \$11,003
WV Arts Presenters - \$12,482

WOOD COUNTY

ArtsBridge - \$34,625
Parkersburg Art Center - \$60,043



HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2021-2022

July 2021

NO EVENTS



November 2021

FIRST LADY'S CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT UNVEILING

WEST VIRGINIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERT

22ND BIENNIAL WEST VIRGINIA JURIED EXHIBITION

August 2021

SUMMER 2021 GOLDENSEAL MAGAZINE DEDICATED TO THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WEST VIRGINIA MINE WARS

GOVERNOR'S ARTS CARAVAN



December 2021

VIRTUAL JOYFUL NIGHT

ARTISTREE ORNAMENTS AND FIRST LADY'S STUDENT ORNAMENT CONTEST

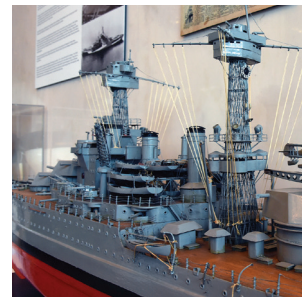
80TH ANNIVERSARY OF PEARL HARBOR EXHIBIT

2021 GOVERNOR'S PUBLIC SERVICE CEREMONY

September 2021

AGRICULTURAL POSTER CONTEST ON DISPLAY

VIRTUAL SEPTEMBER 11TH TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION CEREMONY



January 2022

WINTER 2021 GOLDENSEAL MAGAZINE DEDICATED TO THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BUFFALO CREEK DISASTER

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ACADEMIC SHOWDOWN COMPETITION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION AND THE SENATE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

October 2021

WV MARCHING BAND INVITATIONAL

GOVERNOR'S CUP MARCHING BAND SERIES FINALS

HALLOWEEN TREAT BAG HANDOUT FOR DAYCARE CHILDREN



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February 2022

HISTORY DAY

HISTORY HEROES CEREMONY

GOVERNOR'S ALMOST HEAVEN STUDENT ART EXHIBITION



May 2022

VANDALIA GATHERING

MUSIC AMONG THE HILLS JAZZ FESTIVAL

ANNUAL JURIED QUILT EXHIBITION

GOVERNOR'S PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION CEREMONY

SELECTIONS FROM THE STATE MUSEUM COLLECTION EXHIBIT



March 2022

CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ARTS COMPETITION

ARTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE

ARTS DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE

GOVERNOR'S ARTS AWARDS

POETRY OUT LOUD

FACES OF THE PAST EXHIBIT



April 2022

WEST VIRGINIA DANCE FESTIVAL

WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY BOWL FINALS

SPRING 2022 GOLDENSEAL MAGAZINE DEDICATED TO THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY

SOUNDS OF MUSIC EXHIBIT



June 2022

AMBASSADORS CAMPS FOR 8TH, 9TH, AND 10TH GRADERS

WEST VIRGINIA DAY FESTIVITIES

GOLDEN HORSESHOE REUNION

HISTORY BOWL LEGENDS TOURNAMENT

WEST VIRGINIA CAPITOL TURNS 90 - PANEL EXHIBIT

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Protecting West Virginia's Past

Despite ongoing challenges, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) carried out its mission identifying historic resources, providing funds for rehabilitation and repair and supporting the efforts of our citizens to protect our historic resources. We are grateful for the ongoing support of the National Park Service, the WV State Legislature, and our public partners.

The West Virginia State Legislature provided the most significant historic preservation accomplishment of the fiscal year with the passage of House Bill 4568 which removed all caps to the state historic rehabilitation tax credit. Previously the per project cap for individual certified rehabilitation tax credit projects was \$10 million and the annual cumulative cap was \$30 million. Twenty-one Part One historic rehabilitation tax credit applications, 19 Part Two

applications totaling approximately \$90,237,340 in potential rehabilitation investments (almost double last year's total), and 9 Part Three applications totaling approximately \$10,394,904 in qualified rehabilitation expenses were reviewed by the SHPO and approved by the National Park Service.

Among other SHPO achievements this year, 10 nominations were listed in the National Register of Historic Places totalling 81 historic resources in individual and district listings. Staff worked with property owners, government officials, consultants and local historic landmark commissions to survey approximately 668 historic resources. The Town of Philippi conducted a survey of its downtown and adjacent neighborhoods, producing 363 Historic Property Inventory Forms. The second phase of the Town of Eleanor survey documented 152 buildings. SHPO added to its internet geodatabase 4,154 architectural sites, 23 archaeological sites, 71

surveys, 11 National Register properties and 150 cemeteries.

The SHPO also administered grants funded by federal Survey and Planning and State Development grant programs. Nineteen development grants totaling \$ 447,505 and 14 survey and planning grants totaling \$112,235 were awarded by the WV Archives and History Commission. Development grant recipients faced difficulties finding available contractors and waiting on back-ordered materials. Despite these issues, grant recipients persevered toward completion of their projects. Archaeological survey efforts identified the stockade trench and two bastions of Cook's Fort in Monroe County and retrieved artifacts associated with its occupation from 1774 to 1783. A master plan for protection and preservation was developed for Oglebay Mansion and a predevelopment study was completed for the Cooley Bentz Annex. The City of Charleston embarked on interpretive signage for Ruffner Park and Luna Park Historic Districts.



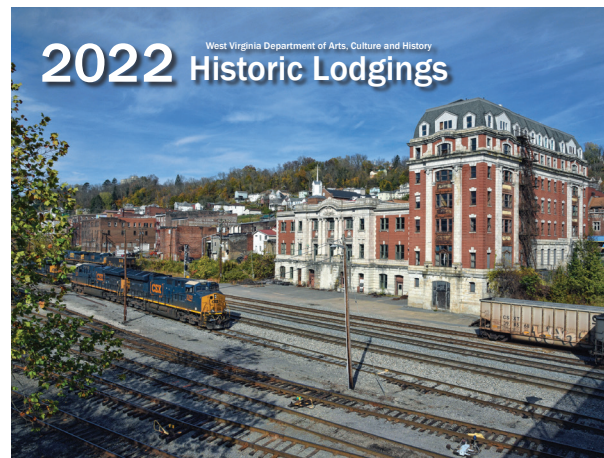
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Virtual meetings facilitated consultation with state and federal agencies. As a consulting party to federal and state agencies according to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, West Virginia State Code 29-1-8a and other related regulations, the SHPO issued approximately 1,146 letters regarding the identification of historic resources and assessment of effects due to proposed undertakings. Our office entered into 16 memoranda of agreement and 3 programmatic agreements. We consulted with the WV Department of Natural Resources regarding projects at Cass Railroad State Park; the US Corps of Engineers regarding Winfield Locks and Dam and the Kanawha State Forest Dam; Federal Highways Administration regarding bridge replacements; US Economic Development Administration regarding the Elkins Railyard Roundhouse and the American Car Foundry complex in Huntington; and other projects. We worked with state and local agencies such as the WV Division of Highways, the WV Housing Development Fund, and the Randolph County Development Authority.

Members of local historic landmark commissions and historic property owners are an integral part of historic preservation efforts across the state. Staff advised local HLC regarding their authorities as set forth in state statute such as local design review, updating their local historic inventory and educational efforts. Due to fewer pandemic restrictions, staff met in person, traveling to local meetings and workshops.

Our educational efforts included our 2022 calendar, Historic Lodgings featuring hotels such as the Koolwink Motel outside Romney, Brookside Inn in Aurora, the Frederick Hotel in Huntington, the President's Cottage at The Greenbrier, and others. SHPO's newsletter, Details, provided information about preservation efforts across West Virginia.



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STATE FY 22 DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

The Development Grant is funded by the West Virginia Legislature.

The grants are 50/50 matching grants. Nineteen grant program recipients were selected.

The Archives and History Commission awarded \$447,505.50 for restoration and rehabilitation of National Register properties.

Berkeley County

Laura Virginia Faircloth, \$8,000 to replace front and rear barn doors, repair beams, flooring and foundation at the Rauch House and Barn in Martinsburg.

Cabell County

Historic Barnett Apartment, LP, \$8,035 to replace roof, repair gutters and restore soffits at the Historic Barnett Hospital and Nursing School in Huntington.

Greenbrier County

Greenbrier Historical Society, \$40,000 to replace the roof of the Blue Sulphur Springs Pavilion in Alderson.

Harrison County

Village Caregiving LLC, \$37,350 to replace the roof, siding and gutters of the Haymaker-Wyborski House in Clarksburg.

Jefferson County

Shawn Robert Hutchingson, \$10,750 to replace the gutters and downspouts of Armory House #24 in Harpers Ferry.

Mark Letenzi, \$16,750, Structural repairs including masonry repair, repair of joists, floor repair, and stabilization of foundation and wall framing of the Stephenson Female Seminary in Charles Town.

Kanawha County

Dickinson and Angela Gould, \$26,138 for exterior masonry restoration of the John Carver House in Charleston.

The Women's Club of Charleston, \$40,000 to replace the roof of the Woman's Club of Charleston WV in Charleston.

Marion County

Joanna Ross, \$14,600 to replace the roof, gutter,

downspout and stucco of the Ross Funeral Home/Watson House in Fairmont.

McDowell County

Donald and Barbara Lawson, \$21,400 to replace the roof of the Odd Fellows Temple in Welch.

Nicholas County

Marnie Moose and Marian Keen, \$37,000 to replace the roof of the Nicholas County Bank in Summersville.

Ohio County

Atlas Real Estate, LLC, \$5,965 to repair or replace roof, fascia, chimney and gutters of the Eoff Street Apartments in Wheeling.

Jeff and Zoe Morris, \$35,915 to replace the roof of the Hanover Apartment Building in Wheeling.

City of Wheeling, \$40,000 to replace the roof of the Wheeling Centre Market in Wheeling.

Pendleton County

Future Generations University Corp., \$8,772.50 to install new gutter and downspouts at the Anderson House in Franklin.

Randolph County

Davis and Elkins College, \$33,180 to replace tiles and repair flashing of the Graceland Inn in Elkins.

Michael Elze, \$16,790 to repair rubber roofing and repair or replace gutters of

the Scott Hill Mansion in Elkins.

Summers County

City of Hinton, \$40,000 to replace the roof of the Hinton Hardwood Building in Hinton.

Wood County

Logan Memorial United Methodist Church, \$6,860 to repair or replace roof, floor joists and steeple of the Logan Memorial United Methodist Church in Parkersburg.



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HISTORIC REHABILITATION TAX CREDIT PROJECTS

PART ONE APPROVALS Evaluations of Historic Significance		PART TWO APPROVALS Description of Rehabilitation		PART THREE APPROVALS Certification of Completed Work
Berkeley County Interwoven Mills Buildings 1-6, Martinsburg Shenandoah Pants Company, Martinsburg Maidstone on the Potomac, Falling Waters	Kanawha County 1030 Quarrier Street, Charleston Tiskelwah School, Charleston Marion County YMCA of Fairmont, Fairmont	Berkeley County Interwoven Mills Buildings 1-6, Martinsburg Shenandoah Pants Company, Martinsburg Maidstone on the Potomac, Falling Waters	Cottage on the Creek, Shepherdstown Stephenson's Female Seminary, Charles Town Kanawha County R-Clay-Clark House, Charleston YWCA, Charleston	Berkeley County 127-129 West Burke Street, Martinsburg Kanawha County R- Clay-Clark House, Charleston R- Flournoy-Taylor House, Charleston R- Chilton House, Charleston Luna Park Excelsior Apartments, Charleston
Cabell County 930 Sixth Avenue-Rampage, Huntington	Mingo County Lively's UMA Meeting House, Matewan Schaeffer Building, Matewan	Fayette County Fayetteville Esso Station, Fayetteville	Mingo County Lively's UMA Meeting House, Matewan Schaeffer Building, Matewan Testerman Jewelry Store, Matewan	Fayette County Gaines Estate, Fayetteville
Greenbrier County Rupert School, Rupert R- Venable-Mathews-Moore House, Lewisburg	Morgan County Bath District High School, Berkeley Springs/Town of Bath	Hardy County R-Garrett VanMeter House, Old Fields	Greenbrier County Rupert School, Rupert R- Venable-Mathews-Moore House, Lewisburg	Ohio County R- 14 Elmwood Place, Wheeling 806-808 Main Street, Wheeling Bridge Tavern/Hotel Wheeling, Wheeling
Jefferson County R- 205 W. Washington Street, Shepherdstown 2nd U.S. National Armory Dwelling House, Harpers Ferry 710 Fillmore Street, Harpers Ferry Cottage on the Creek, Shepherdstown Stephenson's Female Seminary, Charles Town	Ohio County McFadden Building, Wheeling The Berry Supply Building, Wheeling The Historic Zane Building, Wheeling	Jefferson County R- 205 W. Washington Street, Shepherdstown 2nd U.S. National Armory Dwelling House, Harpers Ferry	Ohio County R- 14 Elmwood Place, Wheeling The Berry Supply Building, Wheeling	
			Randolph County The Hotel Tygart, Elkins	

*R = Residential Credit



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Hampshire County

WV Schools for the Deaf and Blind Dairy Barn, Romney

Hancock County

Dunbar Recreation Center, Weirton

Kanawha County

Five Corners Historic District, Charleston

Monroe County

Dry Pond School, Lindsie

Ohio County

Wheeling Warehouse Historic District (Boundary Increase), Wheeling

Preston County

Terra Alta First United Methodist Church, Terra Alta

Randolph County

Graham-Davis Historic District (Additional Documentation), Elkins

Summers County

Hilltop Cemetery, Hinton

Tucker County

Buxton and Landstreet Company Store, Thomas

Wayne County

First Congregational Church of Ceredo, Ceredo



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SURVEY AND PLANNING GRANTS

The Survey and Planning grants are funded through the annual Historic Preservation Fund of the National Park Service for use primarily by Certified Local Governments to conduct historic preservation activities.

State FY 22 Survey and Planning Grants 14 projects - \$112,235

Barbour County

Barbour County Commission, \$3,600 to prepare the National Register nomination for Valley Furnace-Old Iron Furnace.

Berkeley County

Berkeley County HLC, \$4,500 for Heritage Education with Berkeley County Historic Cemetery Preservation.

Jefferson County

Jefferson County HLC, \$4,000 for Heritage Tourism Brochure Reprints.

Harpers Ferry HLC, \$1,000 for Harpers Ferry Historic District Booklet for Residents.

Lewis County

Weston HLC, \$12,810 for Historic Masonry Preservation Workshop.

Monroe County

Summers County HLC, \$4,200 for the Thompson's Fort Geophysical and Archaeological Survey.

Waiteville Community Center Inc, \$4,925 to prepare the National Register nomination of Waiteville School.

Ohio County

Jake Robinson \$11,700 for Predevelopment Study of the Cooley Bentz Annex.

Wheeling Landmarks Commission, \$14,000 to prepare the National Register nomination of the Dimmeydale Historic District.

Randolph County

Beverly HLC, \$10,500 for a Predevelopment Study of the David Goff House.

Elkins HLC, \$14,000 for an updated architectural survey and to prepare a National Register nomination for the Davis and Elkins College Boundary Expansion.

Elkins HLC, \$8,400 to prepare the National Register nomination of Maplewood Cemetery.

Mike Elza, \$6,000 for comprehensive planning study for the Scott Hill Mansion.

Wood County

Wood County HLC, \$12,600 for an architectural survey of the Parkersburg Downtown Central Business District.



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MUSEUMS 2021-2022



Presenting West Virginia's Artifacts

ATTENDANCE

- West Virginia State Museum - 66,514
- Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex - 13,510
- West Virginia Independence Hall - 3,372
- Camp Washington-Carver - 1,950

HIGHLIGHTS

The West Virginia State Museum exhibition, education, collections, operations and preservation missions continued to excel as the staff applied policies and guidelines set by the American Association of Museums to achieve a variety of goals during the fiscal year.

Education continues to serve all 55 counties with programming and resources. Key components included staying up to date with technology and resources to maintain programming for visitors, school groups and the many lesson plans developed for teachers and students. During this period, updates to the Museum

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Connection Rooms' touch-screen data and enrollment in educational courses allowed more programming to be installed on the museum's digital tabletop, including The County Challenge Jigsaw game and other additions. Home school STEAM programs in the Museum Education Rooms occurred during the fall semester.

State Museum exhibitions during this period focused on a variety of art, history and special programming. The agency celebrated the 45th anniversary of the State Culture Center with an exhibit; the biennial 2021 West Virginia Juried Exhibition opened at the State Culture Center with a notable increase in entries from throughout West Virginia; the Governor's Almost Heaven Art Exhibition with the theme "What does America's Newest national park – the New River Gorge National Park & Preserve – mean to you?"; Congressional Art Competition featuring high school student's artwork with three award winners selected from each congressional district to exhibit in the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.; Sounds of Music exhibit which featured artifacts selected from the State Museum collection as well as treasures, featuring artists such as Buddy Starcher, Brad Paisley, Kathy

Mattea, Eleanor Steber, and Woody Simmons; artists Vernon Howell, Robert Villamagna, Susan Poffenbarger, Charles Scott, Sharon Harms and Charlie Jupiter Hamilton were featured in the museum balcony gallery; and the 2022 West Virginia Juried Quilt Exhibition showcased 43 quilts in the Great Hall of the Culture Center, an increase over the past several years.

The Museum staff worked a well-attended return of the Vandalia Gathering after a two-year absence due to COVID. The Museum Education tent introduced a variety of hands-on activities and staff assisted with contests, maintained Guest Services and interacted with the many visitors to the museum during the festival.



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New State Museum collection donation highlights include a portrait of Justice James Henry Brown (1818-1900) and pen and ink art of “The Elms (1822-1959)” by Bart Davies, donated by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Brown IV, Charleston; a WWII uniform, medals, and memorabilia of Lt. Charles C. Lemon, who commanded “B” Company of the 5th U. S. Ranger Battalion and with U. S Army Infantry conquered Brittany in August-October 1944, donated by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Brown, IV, Charleston; 43 pieces of glass made by the Fenton Art Glass Company, illustrating how Ribbed Optic and Coin Dot Pattern glass was made, and 58 pieces of glass, glass-making tools, and raw materials for making glass at Fenton Art Glass Company in Wil-

liamstown from 1905 to 2011, donated by Marty Seufer, Williamstown; a signature quilt made by the Bethesda Church women in Ona, West Virginia in 1925, donated by Jane Crutchfield, Belchertown, Massachusetts; a flapper dress, ca.1920, worn by Virginia Dare Toney McSurrey, in Hansford, Kanawha County, donated by the estate of Brenda Beatty and Ed Mucklow; a crystal chandelier in the pressed-glass Hobnail pattern from the Hotel Ruffner (1885-1970),

donated by Glen L. and Joetta Stone, 184 Farmall Lane, Red House; a hammered dulcimer and stand made by Worley and Asel Gardner in Morgantown in 1973, donated by R. David “Butch” Martin, Richmond, Virginia; and a four-part gray cadet student uniform worn in 1923 at the Old Dominion Academy located in Berkeley Springs (1914-1924) by Francis J. Randall, donated by Jeff and Kay Wallace, Columbia, Missouri.

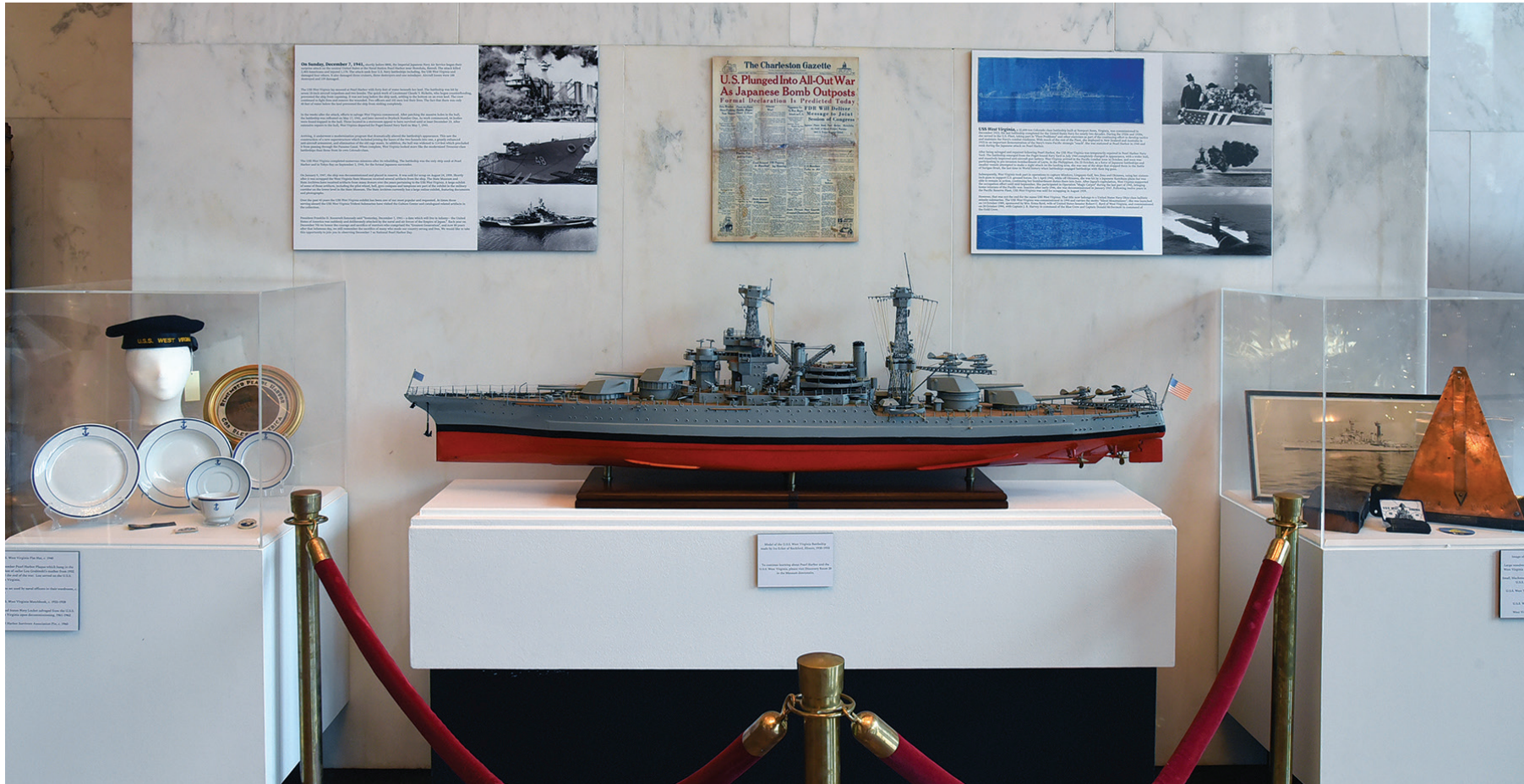


State Museum exhibition outreach staff and technical staff performed several site projects. At Grave Creek, the second phase of a period Adena Hut, which included installing sides of the structure was completed; steel coal miner panels by artist Thorney Lieberman were installed at Museum in the Park; and areas at the I-79 Welcome Center near Morgantown were redesigned.

Museum preservation excelled not only in working with the museum collections but also in assistance provided to the Governor’s Mansion and Governor’s Office to protect and preserve a variety of artifacts. Collections care and cataloging was of the utmost importance since it is the foundation of all museum programs.

At West Virginia Independence Hall, one of the most well attended events of the year was the Halloween celebration featuring crafts, games, and giveaways with 72 adults and

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103 children in attendance.

Additional land was extended to West Virginia Independence Hall due to a building being demolished next door and period-style fencing was extended down both sides of the landscape.

Mock trials are always popular in the WVIH courtroom as this year homeschoolers took the opportunity to present to visitors. Presentations included Dr. Kelly Me-

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zurek's program "For Their Own Cause: The 27th United States Colored Troops" and Jack Bowman's "The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln: Emancipation and Statehood."

Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex presented the Wheeling Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet of Christopher Wilson, Drew Fennell, Jason Allison, Sebastian Vera, and Sam Buccigrossi, who performed for the first time at the site. The performance lasted more than one hour and was live

streamed on the museum's social media pages.

Staff created and organized a Ceramics Workshop for Archaeologists at Grave Creek. The workshop was months in the making and was a full day event attended by dozens of archaeologists from all over the region. The event included lectures and hands-on identification of ceramic artifacts.

Camp Washington-Carver removed all non-operational and outdated window air

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conditioning units from upstairs rooms in the Chestnut Lodge and replaced them with new portable air conditioning.

The Carver lodge received new blinds, and leaks and damaged pipes were repaired. The bathroom and showers received new LED lighting, replacing fluorescent lights.

Grave Creek featured continuing programs, including Fossil Day for identifying fossils, a lecture by E. Ray Garton titled “Ice Age Animals of West Virginia,” and the Marshall County Student Art Show.

Discovery Table programs included “Keep in Touch” greeting cards; “Festive Folded Flowers,” flowers made from tissue paper, and paper plate puzzles with the theme of historic ceramics.

The Interpretive Garden remained dormant during the cold weather in February and much of March. A program looking forward to the planting season called “Green Up Your Winter Blues” focused on plans for the garden. A member of the Ohio County Master Gardeners weeded the garden several times in April and participated in Garden Planting Day on May 21. With the help of Cub Scout Pack 78 from Moundsville, sunflower seeds were planted and crop signs installed. Scouts shelled beans harvested last year, and other volunteers assisted in the garden on planting day. The first sunflower seedlings were noticed poking out of the soil on Thursday, May 26.



COMMUNICATIONS AND EVENTS 2021-2022



The Communications and Events staff coordinates and promotes events within the agency. This section works in partnership with the other sections of the department, the Governor's Office, the First Lady's Office and other state agencies. Through traditional communications like statewide media releases and contemporary social media activities, the staff provides news about the activities at each of the department's sites.

The fall season kicked off with one of our department's biggest events - the tenth annual West Virginia Marching Band Invitational. This year's invitational was held in October at Laidley Field in Charleston, West Virginia . Forty-three bands were able to compete at this event. Cabell Midland High School was named the overall Honor Band award, the Old Gold Division Grand Champion, and won as the Class A Champion. Paden City High School from Wetzel County won the Blue Division Championship.

In November, the department helped host the annual First Lady's holiday ornament reveal. This year's ornament was made by Beckley glass artist, John DesMeules. Mr. DesMeules

crafted 500 ornaments that were on sale at the West Virginia State Museum Gift Shop and at Tamarack in Beckley, West Virginia.

Each year, in December, the department plans and presents the annual Joyful Night cel-

ebration at the State Capitol Complex. Though this event was held virtually, due to COVID-19 concerns, it was no less festive than previous years. One of the highlights of the department's holiday decorations are trees decorated with the ornaments from past First Lady's Ornament Competitions. Featuring themes selected by the First Lady, the ornaments come from kindergarten through high school students from around the state. Also, one of the many trees in the Culture Center great hall is the Artistree which features hand-crafted ornaments submitted from West Virginia artisans.

In April, we were excited to once again



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(in person) host the West Virginia Dance Festival, the only state funded dance festival in the nation. This year more than 300 middle, high school, and college dance students were able to engage in dance classes taught by world renowned instructors from all over the country as well as view performances from their peers and two professional guest artists.

Back to our usual three-day event, the department was excited to be able to hold our annual Vandalia Gathering in May 2022. West Virginia's highest folklife honor - The Vandalia Award - is presented to those who embody the spirit of our state's folk heritage and are recog-

nized for their lifetime contributions to West Virginia and its traditional culture. The 2022 award winners were Goldenseal Magazine and Mountain Stage.

In June, the Culture Center routinely hosts the state's annual West Virginia Day celebration. Along with the tradition of cutting the state birthday cake, WV Day marked the addition of two new events - Golden Horseshoe Reunion and History Bowl Legends Tournament. The Golden Horseshoe Reunion welcomed more than 50 past winners and saw the knighting of Governor Justice as an Honorary Golden Horseshoe recipient. The History Bowl

legends tournament pitted eight all-star teams against each other to see who remains the most knowledgeable on the history of the Mountain State.

Another signature event we were excited to bring back after a two year COVID hiatus was our Ambassadors Camp. This camp typically hosts two students from each county who have just finished their eighth grade year. Students, nominated by their county superintendents, stay in the dorms at the University of Charleston and participate in programs at the State Capitol to learn about West Virginia history, culture and arts awareness. This year we hosted 3 Ambassadors Camps to make up for the two years of camps we were not able to hold due to COVID. The 8th grade camp had more than 100 participants and the 9th and 10th grade camps had more than 50 participants each.

During COVID we discovered ways to improve and expand on all activities and to better publicize and reach new and existing visitors to the department sites and events. Staff have been thrilled to be able to return to some normalcy and once again welcome guests back to the Culture Center for our signature events.



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West Virginia Traditional Life Goldenseal

Goldenseal, published by the DACH, is our state's magazine of traditional life and is issued quarterly. During FY 2021-22 Goldenseal featured 82 articles about West Virginia history and culture.

The Fall 2021 issue was dedicated to Al Leonard of Hampshire County, a 103 year old trapper, who shares his trapping wisdom, as well as life growing up during the Great Depression. The issue also includes articles about life in the Swiss community of Helvetia, ballet, violin makers, a 1936 tar barrel explosion, a look back on the community of Widen, WV high school sports, memories of a Lincoln County general store, a stone mason in Harrison County, The Black Hand in WV, Blackwater River octopus, surgeons-turned-soldiers in the Civil War, the Gaujot Brothers, President William McKinley's assassin, and a historic Berkeley County farm.

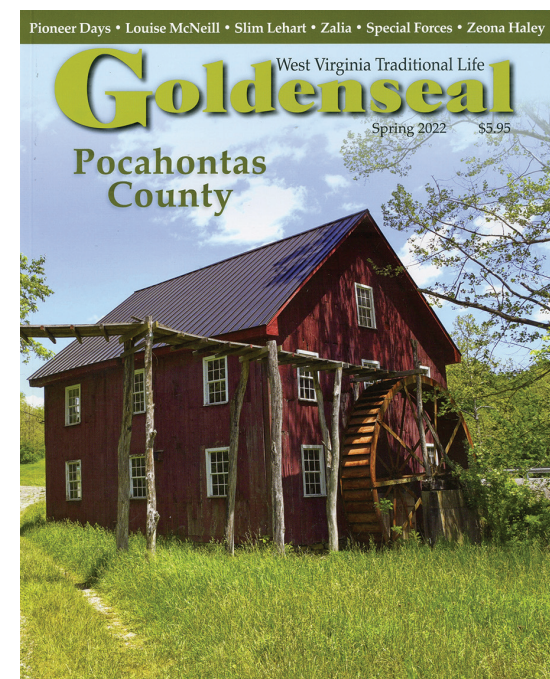
The Winter 2021 issue was dedicated to the 1972 Buffalo Creek Disaster where 125 people perished after three coal slurry dams burst in Logan County. The stories shared in this issue range from memories of survivors, to the creative products of tragedy such as songs

that memorialize the events, and therapy quilts worked on by members of the communities that were impacted. Other articles include a library created to preserve the memories of the heart-breaking historic event, how these events still have an impact on people today, an interview with Mimi Pickering who created the 1975 documentary The Buffalo Creek Flood: an Act of Man, a photo essay of Buffalo Creek as it looks today, and stories of rebuilding communities after the wake of such a massive tragedy.

The Spring 2022 issue is a celebration of Pocahontas County which celebrated its 200th birthday this year. The year was filled with bicentennial activities for Pocahontas County. Included in this issue are articles about the town of Spruce, Sharp's Country Store, logging, poetry by Kirk Judd, a short story for Louise McNeill, Pioneer Days:1973-75, the Pocahontas County Bicentennial Celebration, as well as articles on the 2021 Vandalia Gathering, the 2021 Quilts and Wall Hangings Exhibition, Marshall County musician Slim Lehart, and a story of a retired West Virginia school teacher who is preserving heirloom apple varieties.

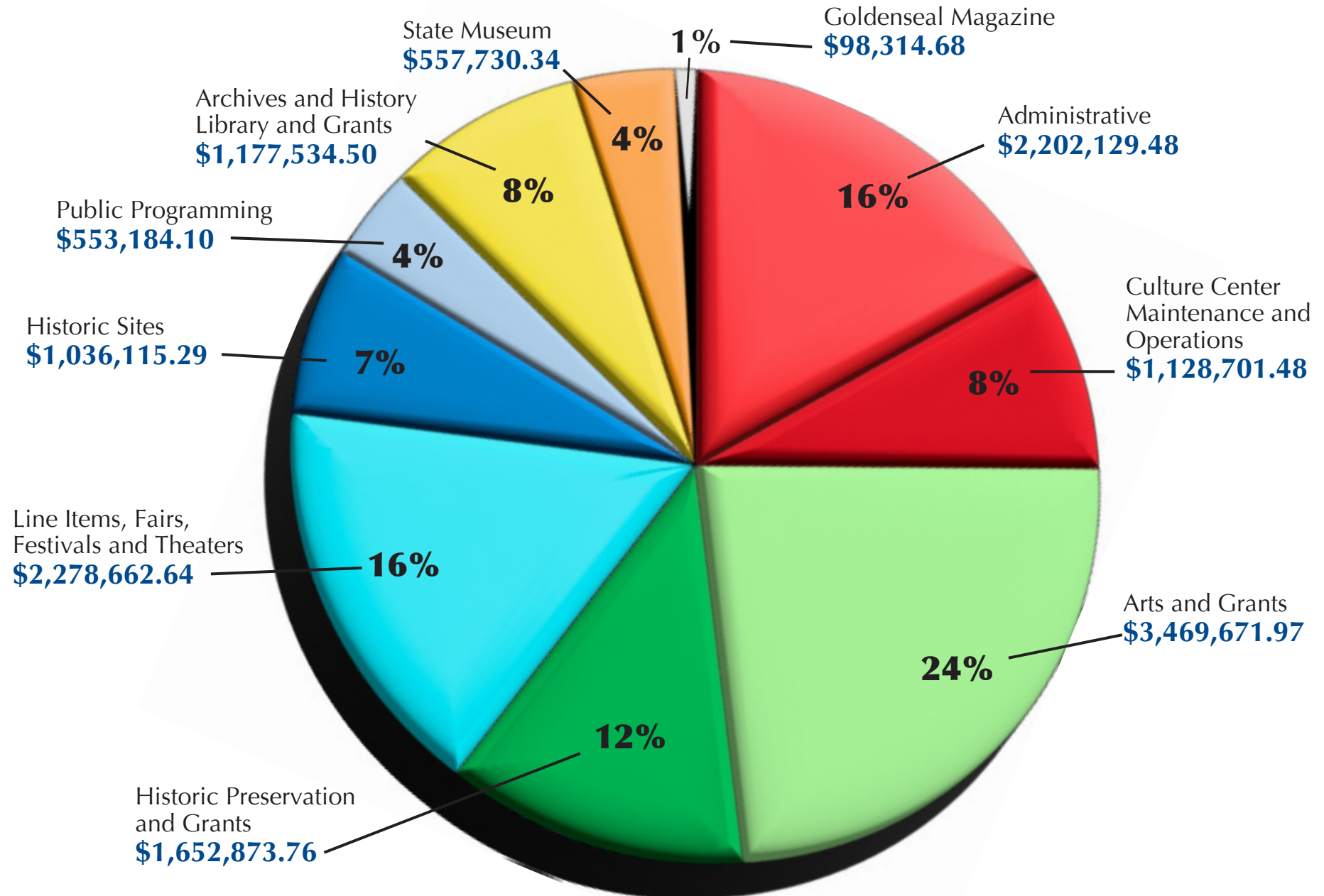
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Barbour	Logan	Pocahontas
Berkeley	Marion	Preston
Braxton	Marshall	Randolph
Cabell	Mason	Raleigh
Fayette	McDowell	Ritchie
Gilmer	Mercer	Summers
Greenbrier	Mineral	Tucker
Hampshire	Mingo	Upshur
Hancock	Monongalia	Wayne
Hardy	Morgan	Webster
Harrison	Nicholas	Wyoming
Kanawha	Ohio	
Lincoln	Pendleton	



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***FY2022 Total Expenditures – \$14,154,918.24**



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